



## **New Inclement Weather “Delayed Start Day” Procedures**

At the November 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting, the Board of Education of Oak Lawn-Hometown School District 123 established an option to start school one hour later on days that otherwise would be canceled by snow. These days will be called **“delayed start days.”** On these days, **all schedules will be delayed by one hour.** Morning band and morning early childhood classes will be cancelled. The FLASH before and after school care program will begin one hour later in the morning, opening at 8 a.m. on delayed start days.

A delayed start day (a one hour delay of all schedules) allows our staff members and school buses additional time to travel through bad traffic conditions during inclement weather. Snow days require the district to add another day onto the calendar in June. Delayed start days will help us avoid that situation.

A delayed start day will count as a full day of school for all students in attendance. Buses will still be provided in the morning, they will just be delayed by one hour. Students should report to their assigned bus stops one hour later than usual. School will be dismissed at the regular time on delayed start days.

Typically, delayed starts or school closures will be announced between 6:30 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. through the district’s communication system in addition to radio and television stations. If the announcement is for a delayed start, please continue to listen as it may become a cancellation, if conditions warrant.

The district uses the Honeywell Instant Alert System for emergency communication & notifications. Parents can access this system using the district website (d123.org). In addition, information may be obtained from radio, television or internet:

<b><u>Radio</u></b>	<b><u>Television</u></b>	<b><u>Internet</u></b>
WGN 720 AM	WGN Ch. 9	<a href="http://wgntv.trb.com/">http://wgntv.trb.com/</a>
WBBM 780 AM	FOX Ch. 32	<a href="http://foxchicago.com/">http://foxchicago.com/</a>
	ABC Ch. 7	<a href="http://abclocal.go.com/wls/">http://abclocal.go.com/wls/</a>
	CBS Ch. 2	<a href="http://cbs2chicago.com/">http://cbs2chicago.com/</a>
	NBC Ch. 5	<a href="http://nbc5.com/index.html">http://nbc5.com/index.html</a>

Last winter, the district canceled school three times due to inclement weather, each time pushing back the last day of school.